

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

Fourcault *et al.* Confirmation No.: 6363
Serial No.: 10/614,496 Group Art Unit: 3733
Filed: July 7, 2003 Examiner: Philogene, Pedro
TKHR Ref: 80350-1100

For: **A SELF-BORING AND SELF-TAPPING
SCREW FOR OSTEOSYNTHESIS AND
COMPRESSION**

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Mail Stop: Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The outstanding non-final Office Action mailed July 8, 2008 has been carefully considered. In response thereto, please enter the following remarks. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims, as amended, are respectfully requested.

AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT

It is believed that no extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account no. 20-0778.